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SUBJ: FRENCH POSITION ON CIEC FOLLOW-UP AND DEBT

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST DURING UNCTAD TOB FOR AGREEMENT
OF FRANCE AND OTHER KEY EC COUNTRIES THAT US-EC DEBT PROPOSAL
IN CIEC BE CONSIDERED AS NON-NEGOTIATABLE, FRENCH MISSION
FURNISHED US WITH NOTE SETTING FORTH FRENCH POSITION AS
FOLLOWS:

(A) PARAGRAPH 11 OF THE CIEC FINAL REPORT STATED THAT THE CIEC PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO TRANSMIT THE FINAL RESULTS OF CIEC TO THE UNGA AND ITO OTHER COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SO THAT THEY CAN EXAMINE THEM AND TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES. IN VIEW OF THE GOF, THIS FORMULATION DOES NOT PERMIT THEM TO AGREE TO OUR WISH THAT THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE A "HISTORICAL STATUS".

2. CONCERNING THE TEXT SUBMITTED ON DEBT BY THE EC AND THE US, THE GOF CONSIDERS THAT THIS TEXT SETS FORTH THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOST FAR-GOING POSITION THAT THE GOF CAN TAKE. ALTHOUGH FRANCE IS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS OF THE G-77 ON THIS TEXT, IT IS NOT PREPARED TO RENEGOTIATE IT.

3.ITHE GOF CONSIDERS THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY AT AN APPROPRIATE POINT TO DEAL OFFICIALLY WITH (DE FAIRE ETAT OFFICIELLEMENT) THE US-EC PROPOSAL IN UNCTAD IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY AMBIGUITY CONCERNING ITS STATUS AND IN ORDER

TO AVOID HAVING THE G-77 BASE ANY FALSE HOPES ON IT. IN THIS RESPECT, THE GOF AGREES WITH THE US THAT POSSIBLE TABLING OF THIS TEXT SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON DEBT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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